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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for November 19 - November 30, 2001

**THIS WEEK**

The Senate is in recess until November 27, 2001.

The House is in recess until November 27, 2001.

**LAST WEEK**

- **Coordination Between Federal and State Law Enforcement:** The DEA, FBI, INS, and Office of Justice Programs testified on November 13 at a joint hearing before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations; Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources; and Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations on how effectively Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies are working together, i.e. information sharing. (Bernhardt, Coughlin, D.Burton)
- **INS Policies Related to Illegal Entry:** On November 14, Joe Greene, Executive Associate Commissioner for Field Operations, testified before the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Investigations regarding the INS policies on handling of illegal entry cases. (D. Burton)
- **INS Restructuring:** On November 14, the Administration plan for INS restructuring was officially released. Events included a press conference with the Attorney General and INS Commissioner, a series of Member and staff briefings, and briefings with immigration groups. (D. Burton)
- **Implementing Legislation (H.R. 3275):** On November 14, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 3275, a bill to Implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings and the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. Assistant Attorney

General Chertoff represented the Department on this legislation. Immediately following the hearing, the Subcommittee marked-up, and reported favorably both H.R. 3275 and H.R. 3209, the Anti-Hoax Act. The following day, November 15, the Full Committee reported favorably as well. (Daley)

- **Nominations:** On November 14, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee approved the nomination of Odessa F. Vincent, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

The Senate, on November 13, confirmed the nomination of Edith Brown Clement to be a United States Court of Appeals Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The nomination of Jay B. Stephens, to be Associate Attorney General, was confirmed by the Senate on November 8. (Scott-Finan)

- **Presidential Records Act:** On November 6, Acting Assistant Attorney General Ed Whelan from the Office of Legal Counsel testified before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations about the Presidential Records Act. John Carlin, Archivist of the United States, also testified with several private sector witnesses. Mr. Whelan explained that the President's recent Executive Order provides procedural guidance but does not alter any substantive provisions of the Presidential Records Act, which was a significant Subcommittee concern. On November 13, we received over 70 follow-up questions from the hearing with Subcommittee staff reports of continuing concern about the Executive Order. (F. Burton)
- **Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 2002:** The Senate version passed on November 8; the House version was passed a few weeks ago. At the request of House and Senate Intelligence Committee staff, additional provisions to supplement or make technical fixes to provisions of the USA-Patriot Act are at OMB for possible inclusion during conference on the final legislation and await White House clearance. Pre-conference discussions are underway, and a final conference on the bill likely will occur next week or after Thanksgiving. (Walter)